

**DRUG CONTROL AND VIOLENT CRIME POLICY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Belle of Baton Rouge
103 France Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
November 14, 2012
2:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Honorable Harry Morel, Jr. called the meeting to order.

The following Board members were present: Honorable Harry Morel, Jr.; Ronnie Rossitto proxy for Pete Adams; Sheriff Doug Anderson; Honorable Trent Brignac; proxy for Honorable Don Burkett; Honorable Michael Cassidy; Sheriff Sid Gautreaux; Kevin Devall proxy for Superintendent Michael Edmonson; Sid Gautreaux proxy for Chief Mike Knaps, Michael Ranatza; Cynthia Austin proxy for Honorable Paul Connick

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement staff present were: Joseph “Joey” Watson, Executive Director; Robert Mehrtens, Deputy Director; Linda Gautier, Byrne/JAG Section Manager; Bob Miller, Byrne/JAG Program Manager; Latissie Pete, Crystal Foster

The following District Directors were present: Wanda Johnson, *Capital LEPD*; Amanda Bourque, *Evangeline LEPD*; Helmer Magnuson, *Jefferson Parish/Metropolitan District*; Louise Gray, *New Orleans Criminal Justice Coordination*; Marky Tucker, *North Delta LEPD*; Jeremy Edwards, *Northwest LEPD and Red River Delta LEPD*; Bonnie Vaughan, *Southwest District LEPC, Inc*

Guests in attendance were: Donna McArthur, *21st Judicial District Attorney’s Office*; Hammy Gasoon and Margaret Kerley, *22nd District Attorney’s Office*; Lynda Troxler, *29th Judicial District Attorney’s Office*; Kevin Guidry, *32nd District Attorney’s Office*; Jimmy Broussard, *Abbeville Police Department*; Clifford Gothin, *Alexandria Police Department*; Jeremy Austin, *Avoyelles Sheriff’s Office*; John M. Crawford, *Bienville Parish Sheriff’s Office*; Steve May, *Caldwell Sheriff’s Office*; Don Hardin, *Carencro Police Department*; Charles W. Borchers IV, *City of Hammond*; Nikeo Collins, *City of Natchitoches Police Department*; Louise Gray, *City of New Orleans Office of Criminal Justice Coordination*; Chris M. Calberry, *City of*

Zachary; James A. Sellers, *Claiborne Sheriff's Office*; Vernon Stevens, *Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office*; Brigitte Fresina, *Delta Narcotics Task Force*; Briant Beard, *East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office*; Mark Dumane, *East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney's Office*; Danielle Bertrand, *Evangeline Sheriff's Office*; David Rigdon, *Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office*; Scott Prudhomme, *Grant Sheriff's Office*; Rudy Dusaulles, *Gretna Police Department*; Laura Morales, *Iberville Parish Sheriff's*; Michael Cassidy, *Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney's Office*; Helmer Magnuson, *Jefferson Parish's Office of Criminal Justice Coordination*; Reginald Thomas, *Lafayette Police Department*; Scott Franklin, *LaSalle Sheriff's Office*; Chad Alexander, *Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office*; Bryan Bernard, *Marksville Police Department*; Amy Campbell, *Metro Narcotics Unit*; Ron Patton, *Minden Police Department*; Greg Duan, *Natchitoches Sheriff's Office*; Comm. Henry Dean and Mack Forsyth, *New Orleans Police Department*; Linda Armstrong, *North LA Crimes Lab*; Andree Mattix, *Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office*; Peter Brandt, *Orlelans Parish Criminal District*; Mark Guidry, *Orleans Police Department*; Donna Roberts, *Pollock Police Department*; Debbie McBeth, *Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office*; Richard Gray, *Rayne Police Department*; Lt. Jesse Martin, Jr., *St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office*; Paula L. Smith, *St. Martinville Police*; Jimmy Broussard, *St. Mary Sheriff's Office*; Barney Tyrney, *St. Tammany Sheriff's Office*; Michael W. Tong, *Shreveport Parish Sheriff's Office*; Bonnie Vaughn, *Southwest District LEPC, Inc.*; Chuck Reed, *Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office*; Darryl Fontenot, *Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office*; Chief Chris Paul and; Kenneth Bryan, *Union Parish Sheriff's Office*; Karen McInn, *Vermillion Parish Sheriff's Office*; Robert Hayden, *Webster Parish Sheriff's Office*; Jerome Fontenot, *West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office*;

ROLL CALL

Roll was taken and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Honorable Harry Morel called for a motion to approve the agenda. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made the motion. Chief Doug Browning seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Chairman Honorable Harry Morel called for a motion to dismiss the reading of the minutes of the May 23, 2012 meeting. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made the motion. Chief Doug Browning seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Kathy Guidry discussed new Egrants having no sub-grant numbers

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Request for 2009 Allocation Change – Bob Miller

1. State Level District 8 – LaSalle Parish Sheriff’s Office, *Criminal Records Improvement*, (B09-8-010), \$14,101; Representative: Sheriff Scott Franklin

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the 2009 Allocation request. Sid Gautreaux seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

B. A. Request for 2010 Allocation Change – Bob Miller

1. Jefferson/Metropolitan District – Town of Jean Lafitte, *Information Systems Upgrade*, (B10-7-020), \$1,872; Representative: Mr. Helmer Magnuson

2. Capital District – City of Hammond, *Targeting Computer & High Tech Crimes*, (B10-5-045), \$8,033; Representative: Ms. Wanda Johnson

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the 2010 Allocation request. Sheriff Doug Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

C. Waiver Requests

1. Concordia Parish Sheriff’s Office, Waiver of Six Months Pre-Award Cost Limitation, *MJTF* (B12-3-005); Representative: Mr. Jeremy Edwards

2. East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office, Waiver of the 48-Month Limitation Rule, *Targeting Violent Criminals*, (B12-5-010); Representative: Ms. Wanda Johnson

3. Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff’s Office, Waiver of Six Months Pre-Award Cost Limitation, *MJTF* (B12-5-027); Representative: Ms. Wanda Johnson

4. Allen Parish Sheriff’s Office, Waiver of Prohibition on Subgrant Vehicle Purchases, *Rural Crime Prevention* (B82-8-142); Representative: Ms. Bonnie Vaughn or Ms. Lynda Hamilton

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for the waiver request. Kevin Devall seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

D. Increase Request

1. B82-8-128, Louisiana Sheriffs’ Association, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$520,032; requested increase \$75,000, revised award \$595,032; Representative: Michael Ranatza

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for the increase request. Sheriff Doug Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

E. Consideration of Non-Confidential Applications

District 1 Northwest LEPD – Representative: Jeremy Edwards

GMIS Applications: None

Egrants Applications:

1. Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office, *Drug Knock and Talk Program*, \$9,809 (continuation); Representative: John Crawford
2. City of Minden, *Evidence/Records Preservation*, \$5,888 (new); Representative: Ron Payton
3. Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Computer & High Tech Crime*, \$8,126 (continuation); Representative: J. D. Thornton
4. North Louisiana Crime Lab, *DNA Analysis*, \$20,612 (continuation); Representative: Jimmy Barnhill

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 1. Sheriff Doug Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention. (Global vote)

District 2 North Delta LEPD – Representative: Marky Tucker

GMIS Applications: None

Egrants Applications:

1. Caldwell Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Patrol*, \$7,341 (continuation); Representative: Sheriff Steve May
2. Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$12,817 (new); Representative: David Rigdon
3. Union Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Illegal Substances*, \$14,920 (continuation); Representative: Kenneth Bryan
4. Richland Parish Sheriff's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$12,817 (new); Representative: Charles Johnston (Vote to Table)
5. North Louisiana Crime Lab, *Crime Lab Upgrade*, \$35,000 (new); Representative: Linda Armstrong

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 2. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 3 Red River Delta LEPD - Representative: Jeremy Edwards

GMIS Applications: None

Egrants Applications:

A. Egrants System – Katherine Guidry advised the Board and audience that LCLE’s current grants management system, GMIS is outdated and can no longer be supported. It is being replaced with a web-based grants management system called Egrants System which should be completed in December 2012. The Egrants system was developed and implemented by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in 2003-2004 with federal grant money. As a result, LCLE was able to contract to adapt and implement Egrants in Louisiana for a fraction of the cost of the initial development by PCCD. The Egrants system is pre-configured for standard Department of Justice grants and designed for enterprise scalability. Implementation, configuration, training, maintenance and support will be available to LCLE from the contractor who developed the system for Pennsylvania. Egrants has won multiple awards, including the Council of State Governments’ 2009 Innovations Awards.

Egrants will provide a full life cycle support for state and federal grants. This system is virtually totally paperless and will provide visibility into funding available from multiple programs with web-based access to all participants in the grant process which includes grant opportunities, application submission, awards, reporting of progress reports, expenditure reports, adjustments, and to automatic notifications of due dates and delinquent notices.

Egrants will allow LCLE to streamline the mechanics of grant administration and focus more on promoting program objectives. The value of this Egrants system includes: subgrantee’s compliance, statewide repository of data required by the Department of Justice and state grants, and global 24-7 accessibility via the Internet, along with online tutorials, FAQs and user guides.

The implementation of Egrants will begin with Federal Fiscal Year 2011 JJDP and JABG Programs in addition to all Federal Fiscal Year 2012 programs in Northwest, North Delta, Red River Delta, Southwest Law Enforcement Planning Districts as well as State-level projects. Today’s applications applying for funding through these federal fiscal years and districts will receive their award under the new system. Once the Egrants system is placed into production, LCLE staff will enter these applications into Egrants. The award will look different and will be mailed directly to the applicant agency. With this new system being on line, all documents must be submitted directly to the Egrants system. Any documents that require signatures are to be mailed directly to LCLE. Documents are no longer mailed through the District office. LCLE office emailed each agency whose application will be in the new system requesting to complete an agency Egrants registration form. This office has received some signed registration forms by email and fax. If you have email or fax your form and have not mailed the original, we need the original signed form by close of business November 30. I have a list of those agencies if you would like to check on your agency. All other agencies will be notified after the first of the year to complete an agency Egrants registration form.

Applications that are being presented today through the Evangeline, Capital, Jefferson, METLEC, and Orleans will continue to use the existing GMIS until Egrants is fully implemented. The procedures of submission of progress reports, expenditure reports, etc. will continue to be forwarded to the District office. Also, all previous open federal fiscal years will also continue to use the GMIS system regardless of the district until the federal funds are closed and finalized with the Department of Justice.

All planning districts will use the Egrants system beginning with Federal Fiscal Year 2013 and State Fiscal Year 2014 awards.

B. Kathy Guidry read the following procedure:

LCLE staff would like to remind all recipients of the reporting requirements to be eligible to receiving Federal funds from this office.

Expenditure Reports are due in LCLE's office by the 15th day following the reporting period. For example, if your project receives \$40,000 or more and/or if you receive less than \$40,000 and opt to report monthly, the expenditure report is due in LCLE's office by the 15th day of the following month. If your project receives less than \$40,000, your expenditure report is due on a quarterly basis. This means your report is due in LCLE's office by the 15th day of the month following the quarter period. Also, the equipment inventory list must be attached to the expenditure report if any equipment was purchased during the reporting period.

Quarterly Progress Reports regardless of the amount are due in LCLE's office by the 15th day following the reporting period. For example: If your project start date is January 1, the quarterly progress report is due in LCLE's office on April 15. If your project period starts on December 1, then your quarterly progress for the month of December is due in LCLE's office by January 15.

All projects with a start date prior to the receipt of your Statement of Award and Special Conditions will be given pre-award costs. When you return the signed award letter, you are required to include the completed expenditure report and quarterly progress report that are due. For example: If your project period is December 1, 2011 and you return the award letter in March, 2012, please adjust your expenditure report to include all incurred expenses from December 1, 2011 to February 29, 2012 if you are on a monthly reporting basis. If you are on a quarterly reporting basis, the expenditure report will be for the month of December only. For quarterly progress report, you must include the quarterly progress report for the month of December. If you filled a vacant position or had any changes in personnel and/or your budget, a subgrant adjustment is needed.

A subgrant adjustment request is required if there are any revisions to the original approved application. Subgrant adjustments must be submitted as soon as there are any changes needed. Subgrant adjustments must be in LCLE's office 30 days prior to the

project end date to be considered. Personnel changes must be submitted immediately as they occur. LCLE will no longer accept a subgrant adjustment at the end of the project period that shows personnel changes that occurred throughout the entire project period. Also, you must include Subgrant Adjustment Form Page 3 along with the resumes.

Each application signed by the Authorized Official certifies to the Certified Assurance that the applicant agency will adhere to the reporting requirements. Future funding is contingent not only on the availability of funding, but proper grant management, which includes meeting the goals and objectives and submitting timely and accurate monthly, quarter and annual reports.

1. City of Alexandria, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$25,200 (new); Representative: Clifford Gatlin
2. Rapides Parish Sheriff's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$27,000 (new); Representative: Debbie McBeth
3. Town of Pollock, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$3,003 (new); Representative: Chris Paul
4. Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, *Evidence/Records Preservation*, \$25,395 (new); Representative: Scott Prudhomme
5. City of Marksville, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$6,605 (new); Representative: Heather Dausat
6. Winn Parish Sheriff's Office, *Property Crime*, \$27,600 (continuation); Representative: Maria Fitzgerald

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 3. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 4 Evangeline LEPD – Representative: Amanda Bourque

GMIS Applications:

1. B11-4-002, City of Abbeville, *Crime Activity Patrol*, \$8,664 (continuation); Representative: Tony Hardy
2. B11-4-011, Lafayette Consolidated Government, *Apprehension Training*, \$55,400 (new); Representative: Reginald Thomas
3. B11-4-007, City of Opelousas, *Criminal Patrols*, \$7,640 (continuation); Representative: Mark Guidry
4. B11-4-014, City of Rayne, *Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program (ICAP)*, \$3,652 (continuation); Representative: Rickey Gray
5. B11-4-018, City of St. Martinville, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$2,501 (new); Representative: Paula Smith
6. B12-4-005, City of Carencro, *Crime Activity Patrol*, \$5,964 (continuation); Representative: Dondi Hardin
7. B12-4-009, Evangeline Parish Sheriff's Office, *Evidence/Records Preservation*, \$10,064 (continuation); Representative: Danielle Bertrand

8. B12-4-016, St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$10,682 (continuation); Representative: Jesse Martin
9. B12-4-019, St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$20,733 (new); Representative: Jimmy Broussard

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 4. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 5 Capital LEPD – Representative: Wanda Johnson

GMIS Applications:

1. B10-5-045, City of Hammond, *Targeting Computer & High Tech Crimes*, \$8,033 (new); Representative: Joyce Allen
2. B11-5-017, Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, *Integrated Criminal Apprehension Program (ICAP)*, \$8,000 (continuation); Representative: Tommy Favaron
3. B12-5-002, 21ST Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$10,000 (continuation); Representative: Donna MacArthur
4. B12-5-003, 22ND Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Career Criminal Prosecution*, \$38,000 (continuation); Representative: Houston Gascon
5. B12-5-004, 22ND Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Pretrial Intervention*, \$6,000 (continuation); Representative: Houston Gascon
6. B12-5-005, 19TH Judicial District Attorney, *Violent Crime Prosecution*, \$24,772 (new); Representative: Mark Dumaine
7. B12-5-010, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Targeting Violent Criminals*, \$18,000 (continuation); Representative: Briant Beard
8. B12-5-011, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Violent Crimes Task Force*, \$10,000 (continuation); Representative: Briant Beard
9. B12-5-014, City of Zachary, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$5,000 (new); Representative: Chris Calbert
10. B12-5-021, Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Patrols*, \$10,000 (continuation); Representative: Alden Thomasson
11. B12-5-032, City of Bogalusa, *Criminal Patrols*, \$3,000 (continuation); Representative: Gene Crosby
12. B12-5-034, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *Anti-Terrorist Training Program*, \$13,000 (continuation); Representative: Jerome Fontenot

With questions, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to Global vote for non-confidential application for District 5. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 6 Southwest LEPD – Representative: Bonnie Vaughn

GMIS Applications:

1. B11-6-005, 31ST Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$6,000 (new); Representative: Michael Cassidy (Representative recused himself)

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 6. Kevin Devall seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

District 7 Jefferson/Metropolitan LEPD – Representative: Helmer Magnuson

GMIS Applications:

1. B12-7-003, 29TH Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Information Systems Upgrade*, \$4,625 (continuation); Representative: Regina Cyrus
2. B12-7-004, 32ND Judicial District Attorney's Office, *Continuing Aftercare Services*, \$15,500 (continuation); Representative: Kevin Guidry
3. B12-7-013, St. John Parish Sheriff's Office, *Street Sales Disruption*, \$14,500 (continuation); Representative: Walter Chappel

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 7. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention. (Global vote)

District 9 New Orleans OCJC – Representative: Maria Kay Chetta

GMIS Applications:

1. B12-9-001, Orleans Parish District Court, *Drug Screening*, \$108,000 (continuation); Representative: Peter Brandt
2. B12-9-002, Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office, *Pretrial Intervention*, \$42,000 (new); Representative: Andrea Maddox
3. B12-9-003, City of New Orleans, *Violent Crime Unit*, \$211,037 (new); Representative: Commander Henry Dean

With questions, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 9. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention. (Global vote)

District 8 State Level – Representative: Linda Gautier

GMIS Applications:

1. B09-8-010, LaSalle Parish Sheriff's Office, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$14,101 (new); Representative: Sheriff Scott Franklin
2. B10-8-007, Louisiana Sheriff's Association, *Criminal Records Improvement*, \$481,359 (continuation); Representative: Mike Ranatza

F. Update on Stimulus Grant (ARRA) – Robert Miller

GMIS Applications:

1. B82-8-142, Allen Parish Sheriff's Office, *Rural Crime Prevention*, \$25,266 (new); Representative: Sheriff Doug Hebert

With no questions or comments, Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for District 4. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention.

G. Consideration of Confidential Applications

GMIS Applications:

1. B11-5-012, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$40,817 (continuation); Representative: Brigitte Fresina
2. B12-5-007, Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$18,000 (continuation); Representative: Craig Beaman
3. B12-5-017, Iberville Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$25,000 (continuation); Representative: Laura Morales
4. B12-5-027, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$35,000 (continuation); Representative: Chuck Reed
5. B12-5-033, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$18,000 (continuation); Representative: Jerome Fontenot
6. B12-7-005, City of Gretna, *MJTF*, \$51,000 (continuation); Representative: Eric Covell
7. B12-7-010, Lafourche Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$20,000 (continuation); Representative: John Champagne
8. B12-7-014, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$25,000 (continuation); Representative: Barney Tyrney
9. B12-7-016, Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$20,000 (continuation); Representative: Darryl Stewart

Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to abstain. Honorable Michael Cassidy made a motion to vote Global on recommend approval for confidential GMIS application for District 8. Sheriff Sid Gautreaux seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Egrants Applications:

1. Claiborne Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$17,099 (continuation); Representative: James Spillers
2. Lincoln Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$24,107 (continuation); Representative: Jim Tuten
3. City of Natchitoches, *MJTF*, \$19,693 (continuation); Representative: Nikeo Collins
4. City of Shreveport, *MJTF*, \$89,521 (continuation); Representative: Nicole Ester-Capers
5. Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$21,057 (continuation); Representative: Robert Hayden
6. City of West Monroe, *MJTF*, \$107,500 (continuation); Representative: Amy Campbell
7. Avoyelles Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$21,000 (continuation); Representative: Jeremy Austin
8. Concordia Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$25,000 (continuation); Representative: Vernon Stevens
9. Grant Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$15,000 (continuation); Representative: Scott Prudhomme
10. Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office, *MJTF*, \$45,500 (continuation); Representative: Michael Gore

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for non-confidential application for Egrants. Honorable Michael Cassidy seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention. (Global vote)

H. Other New Business – Joey Watson

1. Purchase of Standard Issue Tasers/The issue is: Are tasers allowable Equipment or Specific Waiver Items?

Do we continue to view Tasers as allowable, non-lethal protective equipment, or do we consider requests for Taser purchases as requiring an individual waiver for each subgrant application?

The basic Commission rule is not to pay for weapons, we are asking to adopt a rule that standardize Tasers be looked at as non-lethal weapons. Tasers, as such, non-lethal remains as allowable equipment and do not require individual waivers with subgrant applications.

With no questions or comments, Sheriff Sid Gautreaux made a motion to recommend approval for purchase of standard issue Tasers. Sheriff Doug Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition or abstention; Tasers considered regular equipment, no waiver needed. Honorable Michael Cassidey motioned adjournment.

VI. NEXT MEETING DATE: February 2013 Baton Rouge

VII. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn passed without opposition